

Naukati West Inc.

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Local Boundary Commission
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99601-3510

Dear Sir or Madam:

In January 2000 Klugherz and Associates completed a response plan for the community of Naukati. They reported a certified population by The Alaska Dept of Community and Regional Affairs of 164 and 84 of those residents living in the logging camp operated by K.P.C. The logging camp was in transition and in the year 2000, nine logging camp households remained. Those nine households were all salaried employees. Those nine families left Naukati by the end of 2000.

The High salaries and population contributed by K.P.C. logging has certainly skewed Naukati figures that the L.B.C. presented.

Since 2000 Naukati lost nine timber households that were employed by K.P.C. Our school enrollment had dropped 23% from 2000 to the 02-03 school year.

In 2000 Klugherz found the average household income at \$39,100.00. The boundary commission report (part 8) average household income graph shows the average at \$47,999.00 for the same period 11-½ % higher. Klugherz was a door-to-door survey.

Section (C Part 1) shows the 2000 census at 135 our actual is 124 an 8% decline since 2000.

We have 45 full time households with 21 of those households retired, which is nearly half.

The operating budget of Naukati in 2000 was \$4,170.00 in revenue sharing dollars; in 2002 it was \$3,618.00 a decline of 13%. One other note (Section D) Subpart (E) (xii) states that all communities on Prince of Wales have hatcheries that provide jobs and stabilize the fishing industry. Naukati does not have a hatchery nor do all the communities on the Island. In fact the only hatchery on the Island is in Klawock.

The community of Naukati feels that the L.B.C. figures are high in our community assessment and appear to also be high through out the Island. The community of Naukati does not support the Prince of Wales Borough proposal.

Sincerely,

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President Naukati West Inc.

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